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SUBJECT: CHINA' S FOREIGN MINISTER CHI PENG- FEI SPEAKS OF
DANGERS OF SUBVERSION AND EXPANSIONISM

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: VISITING CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER CHI PENG- FEI
IN BANQUET SPEECH SUPPORTED IRAN' S POLICY OF NON- INTERVENTION OF
OUTSIDE POWERS IN PERSIAN GULF, CONCURRED IN IRAN' S STRENGTHENING
ITS DEFENSES " IN VIEW OF PREVAILING SITUATION IN THE REGION",
FAVORED PROPOSAL FOR DECLARING INDIAN OCEAN A ZONE OF PEACE AND
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WARNED THAT CERTAIN BIG POWERS HAVE NOT ABANDONED THEIR HEGEMONY
AND EXPANSIONIST POLICY OF AGGRESSION. ALTHOUGH SOVIET UNION WAS NOT
EXPLICITLY NAMED BY CHI AS VILLAIN OF AREA, IT IS CLEAR HE WAS
POINTING FINGER MAINLY AT THE RUSSIANS. END SUMMARY.

2. CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER CHI PENG- FEI' S REMARKS AT BANQUET GIVEN BY IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI JUNE 14 RECEIVED HEAVY PRESS PLAY. TEHRAN JOURNAL HEADLINED ITS STORY " CHI WARNS AGAINST BIG POWER RIVALRY - CHINA BACKS IRAN' S STAND ON PERSIAN GULF" AND KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL CAPTIONED ITS LEAD STORY " CHINA BACKS ARMS BUILD- UP - LOGICAL RESPONSE TO REGIONAL HEGEMONY - CHI-.

3. AT OUTSET OF BANQUET SPEECH CHI SPOKE OF A) IRAN' S WARM HOSPITALITY; B) THE FRIENDLY CONTACTS AND TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES; C) COMMONALITY ON PAST ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF TWO COUNTRIES HAVING SUFFERED FROM FOREIGN IMPERIALISM, AGGRESSION AND OPPRESSION; D) BOTH COUNTRIES STRIVING TO WIN WORLD PEACE AND PROGRESS AND DEFEND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND STATE SOVEREIGNTY; E) FURTHER ENHANCEMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN IRAN AND CHINA AS NOT ONLY BEING IN INTERESTS OF " OUR TWO PEOPLES", BUT IN ACCORD WITH COMMON DESIRE OF THE PEOPLE OF ASIA AND THE WHOLE WORLD; AND F) THE DEEP IMPRESSIONS MADE ON HIS COUNTRY BY THE FRIENDLY VISIT OF EMPRESS FARAH LAST YEAR. MENTIONING THE SINO- IRANIAN CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT RECENTLY SIGNED, CHI TERMED IT A NEW SILK ROAD IN THE SKIES FOR FRIENDLY CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

4. CHI POSTULATED THAT THE WORLD TREND IS DEVELOPING IN A DIRECTION FAVORABLE TO ALL COUNTRIES IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO SAFEGUARD NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND STATE SOVEREIGNTY AND UNFAVORABLY FOR THE IMPERIALIST AND EXPANSIONIST FORCES OF AGGRESSION. WARNING THAT CERTAIN BIG POWERS (READ THE SOVIET UNION) HAVE NOT ABANDONED THEIR HEGEMONIC AND EXPANSIONIST POLICY OF AGGRESSION, CHI STATED " FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO SOUTH ASIA, FROM THE PERSIAN GULF TO THE INDIAN OCEAN, IN ASIA, AFRICA AND ALATIN AMERICA, AS IN THE WHOLE WORLD, THEY ARE INTENSIFYING THEIR EXPANSION AND RIVALRY". SAYING THE WORLD IS NOT TRANQUIL, HE COUNSELED THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AND THE PEOPLE OF THE WHOLE WORLD TO MAINTAIN THEIR VIGILANCE, STRENGTHEN THEIR SOLIDARITY AND UNITE JOINTLY TO OPPOSE IMPERIALISM, EXPANSIONISM AND HEGEMONISM.

5. VIEWING THE SITUATION IN THE PERSIAN GULF AS AROUSING GENERAL
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CONCER, CHI SAID THE INTENSIFIED EXPANSION, INFILTRATION AND RIVALRY BY CERTAIN BIG POWERS WERE GRAVELY MENACING THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THIS PART OF THE WORLD. IRAN, AN IMPORTANT COUNTRY ON THE PERSIAN GULF HAD EVERY REASON TO FEEL UNEASY AT THIS SITUATION. DECLARING THAT CHINA HOLDS THE AFFAIRS OF A FIVEN REGION SHOULD BE MANAGED BY THE COUNTRIES OF THAT REGION, HE EXPRESSED HIS COUNTRY' S FIRM SUPPORT OF IRAN' S AND OTHER PERSIAN GULF COUNTRIES' STANCE THAT THE AFFAIRS OF THE PERSIAN GULF SHOULD BE JOINTLY MANAGED BY THE KITTORAL STATES.

6. ALLUDING TO AN ALLEGED REMARK OF THE SHAH THAT THE SITUAION EAST AND WEST OF IRAN CONSTITUTES A STRONG WARNING THAT IRAN HAD TO STRENGTHEN ITS DEFENSES, CHI SAID " IT IS NECESSARY AND UNDERSTAND-

ABLE FOR IRAN TO TAKE MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN HER DEFENSES FOR SAFEGUARDING HER SECURITY, INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY".

7. CHI EXPRESSED HIS COUNTRY'S SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL, PUT FORWARD BY IRAN, SRI LANKA AND OTHERS IN THE UN, TO DECLARE THE INDIAN OCEAN A ZONE OF PEACE. CHINA CONSIDERED IT AN EXPRESSION OF DESIRE OF COUNTRIES IN THIS AREA FOR SAFEGUARDING NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND STATE SOVEREIGNTY AS WELL AS THEIR JUST OPPOSITION TO THE CONTENTION OF CERTAIN BIG POWERS FOR HEGEMONY AND DIVISION OF SPHERES OF INFLUENCE.

8. SPEAKING OF THE SITUATION IN THE SUBCONTINENT, CHI SAID HIS COUNTRY APPRECIATED "THE STAND SET FORTH" IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING BHUTTO'S RECENT VISIT TO IRAN, THAT THE RELEVANT UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AND THE "EXPANSIONIST AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OF CERTAIN OUTSIDE FORCES IN THIS AREA MUST BE STERNLY CONDEMNED".

9. CHI HAS EXTENDED HIS VISIT BY ONE DAY UNTIL MORNING OF JUNE 17, WHEN HE WILL DEPART FOR PAKISTAN. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE IS TO BE ISSUED AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT.

19. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT IRANIAN OFFICIALS, ALTHOUGH DELIGHTED WITH CHI'S EXPRESSION OF FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT OF IRAN'S POLICY IN THE PERSIAN GULF, ARE NOT INCLINED TO SUBSCRIBE WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO HIS DEPICTION OF THE "THREAT". SEMI-OFFICIAL KAYHAN IN ITS EDITORIAL JUNE 16 OBSERVES WHAT WAS INTERESTING IN CHI'S SPEECH BESIDES HIS MILITANT WORDS, WAS WHAT HE LEFT OUT. HE MADE, THE
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PAPER NOTED, NO MENTION OF "PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE" NOR DID HE MENTION THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT FOR DETENTE. EDITORIAL WRONGLY COMMENTED THAT NO DOUBT CHI'S VIEW OF THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION CONTAINED SOME INGREDIENTS OF TRUTH; HOWEVER, "HIS REFERENCE TO NEED FOR VIGILANCE AGAINST SUBVERSION IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT CHINA HAS OFTEN BEEN BRANDED AS AN INSTIGATOR OF SUCH ACTIVITIES BY ITS OPPONENTS". THIS IS DOUBTLESSLY WRITTEN HAVING IN MIND THE PRIC'S ASSISTANCE TO DHOFAR REBELS AND SOUTH YEMEN. EDITORIAL OBSERVES THAT FONMIN KHALATBARI TOOK DIFFERENT LINE (AT BANQUET) IN HIS ANALYSIS OF WORLD SITUATION BY SPEAKING OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE "DETENTE", "CONCORD" AND HARMONY". ALTHOUGH CHI DID NOT NAME GREAT POWERS "GRAVELY MENACING PEACE AND SERENITY IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD" THE EDITORIAL OBSERVED IT NOT TOO DIFFICULT TO GUESS TARGET OF CHI'S ATTACKS.
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